MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is there a fitters' class in the school?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): How many students have passed from that class?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the figure. I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Have all the passed candidates been absorbed in the various departments?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Most of them; I think there are only eight who have not been absorbed yet.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are there applications from them now for posts in the Forest Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government propose to entertain them as and when vacancies occur?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly, there is a Government order to that effect.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether, in the rules for the working of the institution, there is not a clause that the Chief Engineer and the Director of Industries would render all help to passed candidates in getting appointments?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We are rendering help as far as possible.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): That is not my question. What I want to know is whether there is such a clause in the rules or not?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There is.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Now that an Electrical Department is being organised, cannot some of these people be employed there?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Are there not some of those who have passed the fitters' test already employed in the Electrical Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There are.

Expenditure on the land, etc. for constructing the Cutcherry buildings at Mavelikara.

70. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent till now (2-12-'08) for the land for the purpose of constructing the Cutcherry buildings at Mavelikara; and

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(*b*) the reasons for not carrying out the work on which some expenditure has been incurred ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A sum Rs. 3,558-24-4 has been spent on land acquisition.

(*b*) The work is held up for want of funds. The estimate and plan have not been finally approved, as it is not decided what buildings are to be located there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know when the land was acquired ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : By Adi 1087.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is it due to want of funds that no work was carried on since then ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Yes ; the estimate was rather large.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Did not the member say that the estimate has not been prepared ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : An approximate estimate was prepared.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the approximate estimate, please ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I think, about Ninety-one thousand rupees for a building for the location of all the public offices of Mavelikara. That estimate was prepared during the war period when rates were high ; and Government said that, in those circumstances, the work must lie over.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was there not another period, between 1100 and 1104, when Government had enough funds at their disposal ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Not for this purpose.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : ഇങ്ങനെ അക്വയാർ ചെയ്ത ഭൂമി ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ കൈവശത്തെന്നെയാണോ ഇരിക്കുന്നത്, അതല്ല കുത്തകപ്പാട്ടം കൊടുത്ത് അന്യരെ ഏൽപ്പിച്ചിരിയ്ക്കയാണോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : It has been leased out, I believe ; I am not sure.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ഭൂമിയിൽ നിന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിന പ്രതിവർഷം ആദായം വല്ലതും കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice for that question.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : May I know whether there was any war in 1087 ? (*Laughter*)

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : No.

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